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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicant encloses a Form PTO-1449 and makes of record the documents listed thereon. A copy of the International Search Report issued in the corresponding PCT International Application on November 14, 2000 is enclosed. Copies of references AA, AB, and AD to AG are enclosed. Copies of references AC, AH, AI and AJ were submitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT Application.
- 2) This statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified application.

- 3) References AA, AB, AC, AD and AH to AJ are in English. Reference AG is accompanied by an English Abstract. Reference AF corresponds to AA from which the relevance can be determined in English. References AB and AE to AG have been discussed in the introductory portion of the present specification at pages 1 to 3.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the references AC, AH, AI and AJ by category (A = technological background; Y = relevant for obviousness in connection with another publication of the same category; X = relevant for anticipation or obviousness when considered alone). Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 5) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicant and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

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